

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A pot for growing a plant or plants, the pot comprising:
 - a side wall having an upper edge forming a mouth;
 - a bottom wall continuous with the side wall, the bottom wall and side wall together defining a chamber for containing a growth medium; and
 - ~~liquid transfer means for transferring liquid between the growth medium and a local environment external to the pot and adjacent the base wall;~~
 - one or more liquid transfer conduits, each liquid conduit extending upwardly from a base aperture in the bottom wall to an internal aperture positioned in an internal zone, each conduit open at each end and each liquid transfer conduit formed with a water impervious side wall;
 - wherein ~~the liquid transfer means~~ each liquid transfer conduit is adapted to receive liquid transferring material to transfer ~~transfers~~ liquid to and/or ~~from an~~ from the internal zone in the chamber, the internal zone spaced from the bottom wall, and a local environment external to the pot and adjacent the base wall and the pot is adapted to resist root escape.

Claims 2 through 4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The pot of claim 1 ~~claim 4~~ wherein ~~the each~~ liquid transfer conduit is cylindrical with a diameter in the range of 5mm to 50mm.
6. (Currently amended) The pot of claim 1 ~~claim 4~~ wherein each conduit extends inwardly in the range of 2mm to 80mm.

7. (Currently amended) The pot of claim 1 ~~claim 4~~ further including retention means for retaining liquid transferring material in the liquid transfer conduit.

8. (Original) The pot of claim 7 wherein the liquid transferring material is one or more of a growth medium, coir dust, bark, polyester, and soil.

9. (Currently amended) The pot of claim 1 ~~claim 8~~ wherein the conduit is dimensioned to receive the liquid transferring material under the influence of gravity.

Claims 10 and 11 (Canceled)

12. (Original) The pot of claim 7 wherein the retention means is a mesh positioned in the base aperture.

Claims 13 through 38 (Canceled)

39. (Currently amended) The pot of claim 1 ~~claim 4~~ further comprising an internal cap adapted to cover the internal aperture, sufficiently loosely to allow liquid to pass between the cap and an edge of the aperture.

40. (Currently amended) The pot of claim 1 ~~claim 3~~ wherein the bottom wall is substantially planar on its bottom surface.

41. (Currently amended) The pot of claim 1 further comprising a biocidal agent added to ~~the liquid transfer means~~ a liquid transfer conduit.

42. (Currently amended) The pot of claim 1 ~~claim 4~~ wherein each liquid transfer conduit is formed as an inwardly extending slot.

Claims 43 through 45 (Canceled)

46. (Currently amended) A pot to resist ~~a root~~ root escape and, ~~in case,~~ to provide a transfer arrangement for transferring liquid directly to and/or from an internal zone of a growth medium inside the pot, the pot comprising:

a side wall having an upper edge forming a mouth;
a bottom wall continuous with the side wall, the bottom wall and side wall together defining a chamber for containing a growth medium;
at least one conduit extending upwardly from a base aperture in the bottom wall to an internal aperture, the side of the conduit having a water-impervious wall; and
a mesh positioned in the base aperture.

47. (New) The pot of claim 46 wherein the conduit is cylindrical with a diameter in the range of 5mm to 50mm and extends inwardly 2mm to 80mm.